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SUBJECT: VIETNAM DEMONSTRATION IN STOCKHOLM

1. A GROUP OF ABOUT 800 PERSONS DEMONSTRATED AGAINST U.S. VIETNAM POLICY OUTSIDE U.S. EMBASSY EVENING OF APRIL 8. DEMONSTRATORS, REPRESENTING LOCAL HANOI LOBBY, SO-CALLED "UNITED FNL GROUPS", CHANTED SLOGANS CALLING ON U.S. TO "STOP VIOLATING PARIS AGREEMENTS," ETC. AFTER HALF HOUR OF HARANGUING OF U.S. BY VARIOUS SPEAKERS, AND PRESENTATION OF PETITION REPEATING FAMILIAR COMMUNIST DIATRIBE ON INDOCHINA, GROUP DISPERSED PEACEFULLY. ALTHOUGH POLICE WERE OUT IN FORCE, APPARENTLY EXPECTING A MUCH LARGER CROWD, THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS. RESOLUTION CLAIMED "WE HAVE WITH MUCH DELIGHT RECEIVED THE REPORTS ABOUT THE GREAT VICTORIES OF THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLE AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE FINAL DEFEAT FOR YOU AND YOUR SYSTEM IN INDOCHINA."

2. WHEN FNL REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTED "RESOLUTION" TO EMBASSY OFFICER, LATTER GAVE GROUP BRIEF 5-POINT STATE-
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MENT SETTING FORTH U.S. POSITION WHICH FNL ORAGANIZER

BEGAN TO READ ALOUD TO ASSEMBLED GROUP UNTIL INTERRUPTED
BY OUTRAGED HISSES AND BOOS.

3. IN COMPARISON WITH VIETNAM DEMONSTRATIONS PRIOR TO
1973, TURNOUT WAS UNIMPRESSIVE. INCLEMENT WEATHER AND
FACT THAT WORLD CUP HOCKEY GAMES WERE APPEARING ON TV
AT SAME TIME WERE UNDOUBTEDLY FACTORS IN REDUCING
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS TO LESS THAN THOUSAND, WHICH
PROBABLY REPRESENTS "HARD CORE" OF STOCKHOLM HANOI
LOBBY. IT MAY ALSO BE ASSUMED THAT INCONGRUOUS
NATURE OF DEMANDS FOR U.S. AND SAIGON TO OBSERVE
PARIS AGREEMENTS AT TIME WHEN NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY
ENGAGED IN INVASION OF SOUTH IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF
THESE AGREEMENTS DETERRED SOME PERSONS FROM TAKING PART.
SINCE 1973 U.S. WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS FROM INDOCHINA,
SWEDISH INTEREST IN AREA HAS WANED CONSIDERABLY.
STOCKHOLM DAILY DAGENS NYHETER, PERSISTENT CRITIC OF
U.S. VIETNAM POLICY, DID NOT EVEN REFER TO DEMONSTRATION
IN TODAY'S EDITION. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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